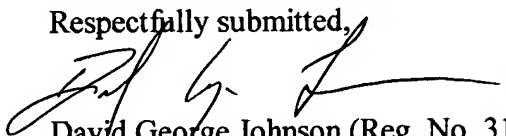


Remarks

This amendment is being filed in response to the NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS mailed on March 19, 2004. Accordingly, a response is due on or before May 19, 2004.

In the NOTICE, the applicant was requested to submit replacement sheets for the claims and abstract. Accordingly, the replacement sheets are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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